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DIARY NOTES

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1. With regard to the invitation which [REDACTED] extended to Chester Bowles, I told Matt Baird that this should be canceled unless it would be embarrassing to the Agency. If this is going to be the case, then we will have to get two or three hundred people who will come and listen to Mr. Bowles which would be no problem, but we would also need to arrange with the Director to invite him officially, to introduce him, etc. Unless I hear further from Matt, I will assume that this has been canceled.

2. Matt Baird advised me that he took the polygraph again yesterday. This is in connection with our reinvestigation program. He was highly complimentary of the people who are running this program and said he doesn't see how anyone who has been around the Agency for ten or fifteen years could possibly object to taking this test again.

3. I talked to Shef Edwards about Kirkpatrick's memorandum requesting that all information which comes to the attention of the Office of Security having to do with suitability be referred to the Inspector General. I told Shef I didn't like this and wanted to talk to Kirk about it. Shef, I believe, has been at least partially responsible for this request having been made. He is a little bit unhappy about the fact that when he reports information which he thinks someone should act on to the line components, they take absolutely no action. I reminded him, however, that if it became known that he was telling the IG everything he found out about everybody's private life, that his reputation for doing as much to protect employees as he does to protect security would be in serious jeopardy. I told him that I intended to talk to Kirk and to come to some understanding that this would be significant information and not all inclusive as Kirkpatrick's memorandum now implies. H

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4. I met with Emmett Echols and [REDACTED] prior to Emmett's departure for a two-week vacation.

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a. I told them I was referring their request for a personnel ceiling increase to the Management Staff but that I was reluctant to approve it inasmuch as I had anticipated personnel to decrease when they got the [REDACTED] Regulations approved. Emmett said that he expected to apply these Regulations to the Office of Personnel but that the net effect of this would take some considerable time and that in the meantime he had a very critical situation. I have referred the paper to the Management Staff and told them to look into this thoroughly, but promptly.

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b. Emmett showed me a request from the Office of Logistics to convert [REDACTED] to a Staff employee. I am very reluctant to do this based upon a cursory review of [REDACTED] record. I told Emmett that he should in the first instance talk with Jim Garrison about it and that if Jim persisted I would consider the matter myself.

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